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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. GARCIA of Texas).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 9, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SYLVIA R. GARCIA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, our lives are in Your hands. In You do we find wisdom and strength. From You are we provided counsel and understanding.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the Earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea.

God, be in the midst of us, in this Chamber, in this city, in this country, and in this world. In the dawning of this morning, God help us all. The nations are in an uproar, but at the sound of Your voice kingdoms totter. When you speak, the Earth melts.

Speak into the cacophony of chaos and topple all pride and arrogance.

Utter Your words of wisdom and melt the folly of fearmongering. Silence all voices but Your own. Then let us be still and know that You alone are God.

In the strength of Your name we offer our prayers this day.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Kansas (Ms. DAVIDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

OLATHE EAST HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING

(Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, last Friday a student brought a gun into Olathe East High School. By noon, three people, an assistant principal, a school resource officer, and a student were on their way to the Overland Park Regional Medical Center with gunshot wounds.

Students hid in classrooms sending texts that every parent dreads receiving: Someone is shooting inside the school. Thanks to the actions of Officer Erik Clark and the assistant principal Kaleb Stoppel, those parents were able to reunite with their students safely on Friday afternoon.

We are all grateful and hoping for their full recovery. I know I am not alone in thinking that things could have been much worse were it not for their intervention.

I would also like to commend the Olathe Police Department, fire department, and Johnson County MED-ACT for their exemplary response. Thank you for helping keep our community safe. These are the headlines that every American is tired of reading, that everyone fears will come to their doorstep.

We must step up mental health support in schools—not just in the aftermath of trauma, but permanently. I stand with every parent, educator, student, and Kansan who has come together to call for commonsense gun safety. We have to be brave enough to put our kids' lives first.

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